

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. A democracy does not function if its citizens are not well informed, and many citizens rely primarily on television for their information. How can a citizen make an informed decision on election day if the election coverage has not been fair and balanced? What happened to the days when, if a station gave air time to one candidate, they had to give the same amount of air time to the other candidate?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The media is failing the American public today, and it astounds me that more is not being done to correct the current problems with the media. Our media situation frightens me, and it seems to be getting worse and worse every day. Please do something.

I thank you for your time.